Chapter 69

IT'S THE SECOND DAY OF SUMMER VACATION.

I ALREADY FINISHED MY HOMEWORK.

HOW DO I PASS THE TIME NOW...?

THERE GOES ALL THE STUFF I HAD TO DO...

NOW WHAT?

Chirp

Chirp

Chirp

... I'LL ... CONTACT YOU LATER.

YEP.

PING

HERE GOES!

ANTICIPATION

...

I GUESS SHE DOESN'T ENJOY MEETING ME ANY-MORE ...

LIKE I THOUGHT ...

IT'S BEEN TWO DAYS SINCE I SENT THAT TEXT...

AND I'VE GOTTEN NO RESPONSE.

< Mie-san

Mendako Good Night

22:10

7/19

When do you think we can meet up this summer vacation?

Aa

ABC DEF GHI

JKL MNO PQR

YZ

Ah...
Oh right, I did say that I'd meet up with you during summer vacation...
I forgot about that...

...DON'T WORRY, IT'LL BE FINE.
SHE PROBABLY JUST DIDN'T NOTICE MY TEXT YET.
I'LL JUST SLEEP AND WAIT.

IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN HELP WITH...?
I FEEL LIKE I'D HAVE A NIGHTMARE IF I WERE TO SLEEP NOW.

I'm fine...
ARE YOU OKAY? DO YOU NEED TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL?
HAVE YOU BEEN AWAKE THIS ENTIRE TIME?
IN A SENSE, I MIGHT BE SICK...

...
I...

REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY CONFI-DENCE ...

I LOOK HORRIBLE ...

Turn

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I COULDN'T FALL ASLEEP?

OR MAYBE I ALWAYS LOOKED LIKE THIS?

THAT I'D WORK HARD IN ORDER TO ALWAYS BE BY MIE-SAN'S SIDE...

EVEN THOUGH I PROMISED MYSELF...

I MADE SOME CONGEE, SO EAT UP.

SHE'S TREATING ME LIKE A HOSPITAL PATIENT...

BUT ONLY FOR TWO SEC-ONDS.

I SLEPT FOR A BIT...

SLIDE

OH, YOU'RE STILL AWAKE?

...I'LL SPEND IT ONCE I'VE SAVED UP ENOUGH.

YOU ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH MONEY SAVED~~~ YOU SHOULD JUST SPEND IT ALREADY.

DO YOU NEED A PREPAID CARD?

I'M SAVING MONEY AT THE MOMENT.

...IT'S FINE.

I'M GOING TO THE CONVENIENCE STORE, DO YOU WANT ICE CREAM OR ANYTHING?

I'M FINE...

...I HAVE A QUESTION...

HOW DO YOU GAIN CONFIDENCE...?

C'MON, KAEDE...

NEVER MIND.

DON'T ANSWER THAT.

C'MON, LOOK AT ME.

I KNOW IT'S EMBARRASSING TO LOOK YOUR PARENTS IN THE FACE...

BUT I BELIEVE YOU CAN GET ALONG WITH YOUR CRUSH.

ALL RIGHT... ENOUGH...

YOU MAY THINK OF YOURSELF AS A LOSER...

BUT IN REALITY, YOU'RE A SUPER NICE AND COOL KID, YOU KNOW?

YOU DO HAVE A CRUSH, RIGHT?

EH...?!

...GAH...

COUGH

IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE CONFIDENCE THAT DOESN'T RELY ON EVIDENCE, YOU KNOW.

... WHERE'S THE EVI-DENCE?

I KNOW SHE LIKES YOU BACK, KAEDE.

DON'T WORRY SO MUCH.

EAT UP.

IT'LL GET COLD SOON.

GRAB

♪ Ping

22:10

7/19

When do you think we can meet up this summer vacation?

READ 18:03

TODAY

Sorry, I didn't see your LIME

Can you call?

Aa

SLIDE

THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL!

YEP—

DASH

Nom Nom Nom

Ring Ring Ring

Inhale
Exhale

Inhale
Exhale

Composed

IT'S FINE...

THIS CALL WILL GO WELL...

KOMURA-KUN?

SORRY FOR RESPONDING SO LATE...

H-HELLO...?

AHEM

HELLO?

I-IT'S FINE! DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!

I'M REALLY SORRY.

N- NO, I SHOULD BE THE ONE WHO'S SORRY...!

WAIT, WHY DID I SAY THAT ...?

THE TYPE THAT FINISHES THEIR HOMEWORK AT THE LAST MINUTE.

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THE TYPE THAT GETS THEIR HOMEWORK DONE RIGHT AWAY.

7/22

SO...

I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU.

EH? ... SURE.

WHICH ONE AM I?

I FEEL LIKE SHE COULD BE EITHER...

BUT SHE'S NOT SO SERIOUS TO THE POINT WHERE SHE'D GET IT ALL DONE RIGHT AWAY...

THE ANSWER IS...

MIE-SAN IS GENERALLY A VERY HARD WORKER, SO I DON'T THINK THAT SHE WOULD BE OVERLY TEMPTED BY THE BREAK TO THE POINT WHERE SHE'D PROCRASTINATE...

AH, I'M OUT OF TIME.

EH?!

I'LL TURN ON MY CAMERA.

HOW-EVER...

OH, I KNOW.

...I GUESS I WAS RIGHT ...

THAT WAS THE AN-SWER.

I'M THE TYPE TO GET A LITTLE BIT OF HOMEWORK DONE EVERY DAY, BUT SLIGHTLY HURRY NEAR THE END.

...Y-YEAH, I CAN...

CAN YOU SEE ME?

THIS IS TOO MUCH!!

Do you want to turn your came

Yes

WAH...

W-WAIT...

Do you want to turn your camera on?

No

Yes

SO...

LOOK!

I FINISHED IT ALL.

SHE'S IN HER LOUNGEWEAR AND WEARING THE TYPE OF SHIRT WITH SHOULDER STRAPS... THIS IS TOO MUCH FOR ME...

I FINISHED ALL MY HOME-WORK ...

ANY-WAYS ...

OH C'MON, IT'S RUDE TO BE THAT SURPRISED.

BUT, I THOUGHT ...

EH?!

EH?!

SO WE CAN MEET AT ANY TIME.

EH?
BUT...
KOMURA-KUN,
SHOW ME YOUR FACE.
BUT I WANNA SEE.
I LOOK SO BAD RIGHT NOW...
I DON'T EVEN WANT TO LOOK AT MYSELF...
...CAN'T I?

YOU HAVE BAGS UNDERNEATH YOUR EYES.

DID YOU PULL AN ALL-NIGHTER?

EHE.

THERE YOU ARE, KOMURA-KUN.

ZZZ...

ZZZ...

...I SEE.

I WAS DOING A LITTLE BIT OF HOME-WORK, TOO.

WELL...

...YES...

DID YOU FINISH IT ALL?

EH?

Thud

Wipe
Wipe

OR ELSE YOU'RE GONNA CATCH A COLD...

YOU NEED TO LIE ON YOUR FUTON...

... KO-MURA-KUN...

NGH...

AH...

...

BUT TO KEEP GIVING IT MY ALL.

LOOKS LIKE I HAVE NO CHOICE...

MIE-SAN WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK AT ME.

EVEN IF I DON'T WANT TO LOOK AT MYSELF...

...ARE YOU ON YOUR FUTON RIGHT NOW?